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Mysore Government officials also concerned in celebrated marriage outside the Province of Mysore.

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Mysore Government officials concerned in infant marriage outside the Province.

Letter No. Pol. 590, dated 24th December 1904, from the Inspector General of Education.

Recommending the compulsory retirement of schoolmasters Srinivasachar and Anantha Thirthachar of Davanballi on account of an infant marriage performed by them outside the Province in order to evade the Mysore Law.

Proceedings No. J. 1836-74—Police 120-2, dated 10th January 1905, to the Inspector General of Education, all Deputy Commissioners and Heads of Departments.

Observes that the infant marriage performed by them is contrary to Mysore Law which they wanted to evade by performing the same outside the Province, and

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FILE HEADING.

Government officials concerned in infant marriage outside the Province.

From

The Inspector General of Education in Mysore.

No. D. O. Dated 24-12-04. Received 26-12-04.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Recommends compulsory retirement of Sreenivasachar, Hd. master, Devanhalli Kan. girls' school and of Anandatirthacha Sanskrit master, who, in order to evade the law, performed an infant marriage at Ghatikachalam Hill near Sholinger, Madras Presidency.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

An article on the above subject having appeared in the vernacular paper "Suryodaya-Prakasika," the opinion of the D. G. of Education was called for, as desired by the Dewan, in the following DO [vide next page]. The above D. O. is a reply to this

NOTES—First sheet.

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Purnaprasada
6. 12. 24.

My dear Sir,

The Dewan desires me to send the enclosed issue of Suryodaya newspaper in which it is stated that one Kavalige Sreenivasachar Assistmaster in the Govt. Girls' School at Devanhalli aged 60 was married to a girl aged 6, who is a daughter of the Sanskrit master, Ananda Tirthacharlu about two months ago.

Yours truly
P.D. M. Rama Rao

H. J. Khabha Esqr.

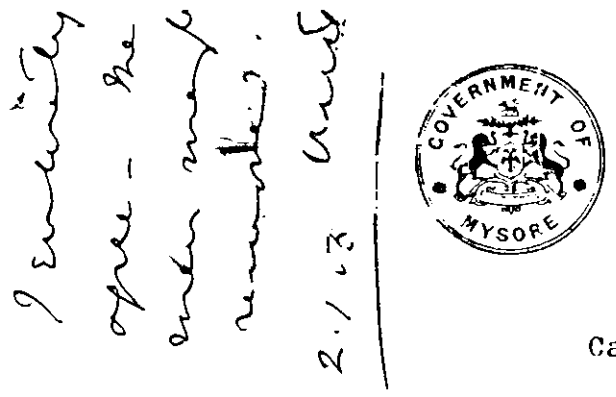
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Bangalore
26th 12 · 0

My dear Sir

As directed by the Dewan, I beg to send herein Mr. Bhabha's letter regarding the Devanahalli School. Kindly favor me with your opinion.

Yours truly
M. Shamanna
Raja Mantra Pravina.
C. Srinivasa Iyengar Esq



Camp Mandagadde,

30th. December 1904.

My dear Sir,

Re Devanahalli School Master's:-

This is a very bad case. One of our aged officials resolves upon marrying the infant daughter of another of our officials who agrees to this, and both, fully knowing that the marriage is in direct contravention of the Mysore law, and is accordingly an offence punishable in Mysore, go to British India and have it performed. Apart from the legal aspect of the question, I am of opinion that the conduct of such officials should not be tolerated inasmuch as it involves not only an infraction by them of our law but also a deliberate evasion of it on their part by resort to dishonest means. Whatever may be the hardship of the case, I consider that both the officials have ceased to deserve continuance in the service of Government and should accordingly be removed from it. Surely no official of ours

who in addition to violating our law shifts the scene of his offence in order to escape punishment, deserves to be given a pension in the absence of extenuating circumstanc which, in the present case, are conspicuous by their absence. Our law is an exceptional one and our officials ought to set an example to the public by their scrupulous obedience to it. Pension is a reward and not a punishmen

I beg to return the papers received with Mr. Shama Rao's D.O. of the 26th. Instant.

Yours very sincerely,

V. Krishnaswamy

Sir P. N. Krishna Murti, K.C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore.

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General and Revenue
Secretariat.

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Govt. Proceedings No. J 1836-74 d/10-1-05,
to the I. G. of Edn., The Dy Comr. and all Heads
of Depts.

Observes that the marriage is opposed to
the Mysore law on the subject, that the men delib-
erately tried to evade the law, that the excuse
leaded by them is insufficient, and accordingly directs
their removal from the Service.

OFFICE OF
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION
IN MYSORE

Bangalore, 24 Dec 1904

Dear Mr Shama Rao,

With reference to my D.O. letter about the paragraph marked in the enclosed issue of the Sarvodaya dated 16 Nov 1904, I have made inquiries & the result of my inquiries is that Srinivasachar Headmaster Kan Girls' School at Devanhalli who is 54½ years of

ay in which he has pacing
his little daughter, he should
be compulsorily retired by
a special order of Government
in whatever amount of pension
(about Rs 2-8) he may have
earned by his service. Every
Government servant especially
teacher is bound to respect
the laws of the Government
under which he serves. Can
unless retirement or the
above remain will not be
an excessive punishment
I shall be glad if the Director
will favour me with his views
Borders on this subject
Yours sincerely
H J Bhabha

Police ?

File No. 120.

S.N. 2

Read D. o dated 24th Dec 1904 from Dwn. Bd. I. Bleaks, Inspector-General of Education reporting on the marriage by Srinivasachar, Headmaster of the Kannada girls' School at Devanhalli, who is 54 ½ years old of the daughter of Ananda Hirlteacher, Sanskrit Master, Devanhalli AV School, of the age of 8 years and 9 months

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Order

Dy. J 1836-74 8/9/05.
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The marriage is clearly opposed to the provisions of sections 3 & 4 and 5 of the Infant Marriage Regulation X of 1894.

to escape the consequences
of the Hindu law. The
marriage is stated to have
taken place
~~been celebrated~~ on the
Ghatikandla Hill near
Sholinghur in the Madras
Presidency. Apart from
the legal aspect of the question,
the conduct of Srinivasachar
and Anandatirthachar
who are ~~Govt~~ in Govt employ
cannot be allowed to
pass unnoticed in-
-asmuch as it involves
not only an infraction
by them of the law as enacted
in Mysore, but also a
deliberate evasion of
it on their part by resort
to indirect means. The
reason for marrying
such a young girl given
by Srinivasachar, viz,
that he had no one to
take care of him and he
wanted to get his food
and lodging in his father-
-in-law's house, cannot
be regarded as sufficient
to excuse him from blame.
Similarly the conduct
of Anandatirthachar
is highly culpable,
not to speak of its heartless

In these circumstances, the Govt of His Highness the Maharaja Consider that both the officials have ceased to deserve to be continued in the service of the State and they accordingly direct their removal.

7.1.1905
Secretary.

To the Inspector-General of Education.

To all Sy. Commrs and Heads of depts for information.

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